

Muzn Islamic Banking

Corporate Profile

مزن للصيرفة الإسلامية
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Founded in 2013, Muzn Islamic Banking is the first licensed Islamic Banking Window operating in the Sultanate of Oman as part of the National Bank of Oman. At Muzn, we believe in banking for everyone – regardless of beliefs or borders. We are committed to with the aim to deliver Shari’a compliant financial solutions of the highest standards for every customer with an underlying goal to make a positive and sustainable difference to our current and future communities.

Our mission

Muzn Islamic Banking’s mission is to provide innovative, competitive and quality Islamic banking products and services while ensuring they are accessible to all.

Our vision

To be the leading provider of Islamic financial services.

Shari'a Supervisory Board

Shari’a governance is the distinguishing feature of Muzn Islamic Banking. The main objective of a Shari’a governance framework is to ensure constant and consistent Shari’a compliance across products, services and banking activities.

The key elements of Shari’a governance framework of Muzn are as follows:

1. Shari’a Supervisory Board (SSB)
2. Internal Shari’a Department

Responsibility of the SSB

Muzn’s SSB is the highest authority within the Bank for all Shari’a related matters. SSB is responsible for the level of Shari’a compliance across all banking activities across profit distribution, products, process follows, transactions, reports, policies and legal agreements.

Internal Shari'a Department

The Shari’a audit and compliance department is a sub-department that reports to the SSB responsible fostering

bankwide Shari’a compliance controls. The department provides guidance, instils compliance and escalates new issues in daily Bank management in line with SSB directives.

The mandate is ensured through the quarterly audit, review and report of all aforementioned elements in the SSB section. Reporting examines the level of compliance with Shari’a principles, Fatwa, guidelines and directives issued by the Bank’s SSB.

Members of SSB



Sheikh Dr. Mohamed Bin Ali Elgari

Muzn Shari'a Supervisory Board – Member & Chairman
 PhD in Economics from the University of California, USA

Sheikh Dr. Mohamed Bin Ali Elgari, is a Professor of Islamic Economics at King Abdulaziz University, Saudi Arabia. He is an Expert at the Islamic Jurisprudence Academy of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) and the Islamic Jurisprudence Academy of the Islamic World League. Sheikh Elgari is also a member of the Shari'a Council of Accounting and Auditing Organisation for Islamic Financial Institutions (AAOFI), Chairman Shari'a Supervisory Board of Muzn Islamic Banking Services and Shari'a Board Member of several reputable Islamic Banks and Takaful Companies across the globe.



Sheikh Datuk Dr. Mohammed Daud Bakar

Muzn Shari'a Supervisory Board Member
 Degree in Shari'a, University of Kuwait, Kuwait
 PhD in Islamic Law, University of St. Andrews, UK
 Degree in Jurisprudence from the University of Malaya, Malaysia.

Sheikh Datuk Dr. Mohammed Daud Bakar, is a Malaysian Shari'a Scholar and he is the Chairman of the Central Shari'a Advisory Council of the Central Bank of Malaysia and Securities Commission of Malaysia. Sheikh Bakar's area of specialization includes Islamic Legal Theory, Islamic Banking and Finance and Islamic Law of Zakah. Datuk Dr. Bakar has published more than 30 articles in academic journals while also being a member of several Shari'a Boards for banks and Islamic financial institutions worldwide.

Members of SSB



Sheikh Saleh Al Kharusi

Muzn Shari'a Supervisory Board Member

2008 - Bachelors in Shari'a - Institute of Shari'a Sciences - Oman

2016 - Master's Degree in Financial Transactions (SQU)

- Director of the Notary Public Office - Ministry of Justice
- Part-time lecturer in Institute of Sharia Sciences.



H.H Dr. Adham Al Said

Muzn Shari'a Supervisory Board Member

1999 - BSc in Economics from Sultan Qaboos University, Oman

2002 - MA in Economics from New York University, USA

2011 - PhD in Economics from University of Western Australia, Australia

- Assistant Professor of Economics, Sultan Qaboos University
- Partner, The Firm for Business and Economic Consulting
- Chairman of Board of Trustees, Scientific College of Design

Corporate Banking

With a wide range of products, Muzn Corporate Banking offers tailored Shari'a compliant solutions for your business.

At Muzn Corporate Banking, we strive to understand our customers and their business needs by maintaining long-term, steady relationships. Our in-depth multisector knowledge in the Sultanate of Oman built over decades with the hard work of National Bank of Oman, enables us to provide innovative Shari'a compliant solutions designed for growth and efficiency across corporate finance, project finance, trade, capital and treasury products, and international banking services. Our dedicated team of Relationship Managers match your unique business needs with Shari'a-compliant corporate banking solutions.

Wakala Investment

Rooted in the concept of Wakala Bil Istithmar, with Muzn Wakala Investment, you become the Principal (Muwakkil) and the Bank (Muzn) becomes the Investment Agent (Wakeel) of your funds. Muzn invests these funds in Shari'a-compliant financing and investment activities. The targeted profit after deduction of the agreed agency fee (Wakala fee) earned from such investments is distributed to customers upon maturity of the account.

Benefits

- Daily profit calculation
- Available in local and foreign currencies
- Flexible tenure from 7 days to 5 years
- Opportunities to save with easy reinvestment across different tenures

Flexi Wakala Account

Muzn's Flexi Wakala Account provides Shari'a-compliant services with the benefit of profits with adherence to the concept of Wakala Bil Istithmar. As a call account, it offers flexibility that allows you to terminate the agreement and withdraw funds at any time without any notice or charges.

Feature & benefits

- Monthly profits
- Flexible withdrawal terms
- Available in local and foreign currencies
- Free chequebook
- Unlimited deposits and withdrawals at Muzn Islamic Banking branches
- Anytime, anywhere access to funds through OmanNet, GCC and MasterCard networks and your ATM/Debit Card.

Working Capital Finance

As your company grows, working capital becomes increasingly important for sustained business continuity. Whether you are looking for short-term financing for project completion, purchase of raw materials or for the production of goods, our Islamic solutions are flexible enough to cater to working capital requirements.

How Muzn Islamic Working Capital Finance works

Muzn's Islamic Working Capital Finance is based on the concept of Murabaha. The purpose of this facility is to provide your business with Working Capital Finance to purchase Shari'a-compliant goods across all categories.

Under the Murabaha facility, upon your request, Muzn (or its agent) purchases goods from a third party, acquiring the ownership, possession and risks, then sold to you on a cost-plus profit basis. The Murabaha price can be paid as a lump sum, in installments, or a combination of both, as mutually agreed with Muzn.

Benefits:

- Flexible tenure
- Available for local financing
- Available for import financing

Muzn Islamic Banking Term Finance

For long-term financing, turn to Muzn Islamic Banking Term Financing for Shari'a compliant solutions with high finance amounts and long tenures. Our dedicated team specializes in bespoke products that fit your unique business needs for growth.

Muzn Islamic Banking Term Finance (continued)

The Muzn Islamic Banking term finance facility is based on the concept of Ijara Muntahia Bittamleek under which the Bank finances the asset through a lease agreement. The title of the asset remains with the Bank throughout the lease tenor while the customer pays a rental fee for using the asset. At the end of the lease, the asset is sold to the customer at a nominal price.

Muzn Islamic Banking term finance can be used to finance the following:

- Procurement of new assets
- Project financing
- Import of plant and machinery
- Project expansion
- Other capital expenditure requirements

Construction Finance

Construction Finance from Muzn, under the concept of Ijarah Mawsufah fi Dhimmah, provides long term financing solutions for construction. Based on your plan, Muzn provides flexible stage payments to ensure that your project is implemented without funding delays.

The Muzn Islamic banking construction finance can be used to finance the following:

- Construction of real estate
- Construction of office premises
- Repair and maintenance
- Construction of warehouses and plants
- Project financing and expansion

Diminishing Musharakah Financing:

For businesses planning for upscaling, expansion, capital expenditure or facility renovation, Muzn Diminishing Musharakah offers Shari'a compliant financing in support of these goals.

How does it work?

Under Muzn Diminishing Musharakah financing, Muzn and the customer jointly acquire or construct (in an agreed ratio) an asset, project, property, machinery etc. that the Customer wants to finance. Subsequently, Muzn leases its share in the asset to the customer for the agreed rental. The Customer pays the rental and also purchases units of Muzn's ownership share in the asset from time to time, thereby increasing Customer's ownership share in the asset. Upon complete purchase over the period of financing the customer becomes the owner of the asset and the rental payments cease.

Benefits:

- Shari'a compliant financing in line with Musharakah Mutanaqisa
- Available for commercial and business purposes
- Competitive rates
- Maximum facility amount based on Credit approval
- Facilitates the conversion of an interest-based loan to Muzn Islamic Diminishing Musharakah financing.
- Flexible security options
- Flexible early termination options

Muzn Trade Finance

As a business looking to bolster trade activity, Muzn Islamic Banking Trade Finance offers Shari'a compliant solutions based on a commitment of Wakala and Murabaha contracts.

Letter of Credits

Muzn Islamic Banking offers the letter of credits (LCs) facility both at Sight and Usance with competitive pricing. An easy and efficient process via the Muzn Trade Finance desk enables fast processing towards your business goals.

Import Financing:

Whether considering a localization strategy or ad-hoc imports of goods and machinery, Muzn Islamic banking provides the appropriate finance facility to support your business based in concepts of Murabaha, Ijarah and Diminishing Musharakah.

Letter of Guarantees

Muzn Islamic Banking offers the letter of guarantees (LGs) facility based on the concept of Kafalah to ensure smooth running of your business.

Muzn Corporate Internet Banking

Our Muzn Corporate Internet Banking platform is designed to streamline your business activities through a secure, intuitive platform:

- 1. Enquiries:**
Enquire about your balance or transactions
- 2. Fund Transfer:**
Make local and global transfers
- 3. Bulk Transfers:**
Make bulk transfers to NBO and third parties
- 4. Utility Payments:**
Pay utility bills across key providers like Omantel, Ooredoo and OIFC
- 5. Products and services:**
Enquire about and apply for new products and services
- 6. Cheque Book:**
Request a chequebook